



Education Standards and Practices Board
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MINUTES—December 4, 1997
State Capitol

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by board chair, Linda Davis. Other board members present: Randy Gordon, Mary Harris, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Mike Schatz. ESPB staff members present: Deb Jensen, Bonnie Thompson.

Board members absent were: Sue Andrews, Don Haugen, Bev Sandness.

Visitors present were: Helen Busche, Max Laird, Faye Reimers, and Joseph Westby, all from NDEA; Dale Ekstrom, Kirsten Farnsworth, Jim Farnsworth, and Mike Geiermann.

Motion was made by Maryjane Martens, seconded by Doug Johnson, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 1997, meeting. Motion carried.

Deb Jensen, Assistant Director, reported on Marilyn Ridenhower's NCATE Board of Examiners continuing accreditation training, partially held at the University of Louisville. Marilyn Ridenhower, Director, was absent due to the Barry Osborne hearing held on this date.

ESPB office has recently received the 1997 law books with statutes at \$28 each. Motion was made by Doug Johnson, seconded by Mary Harris, that law books be ordered for each board member. Motion carried.

Deb Jensen reported on recent studies being compiled by the Ad Hoc Strategies committee. 48% of the last 5,000 certified teachers are not currently employed in North Dakota. More studies are being compiled comparing teaching qualifications with student testing scores, salaries, etc. Sample teaching certificate renewal reminder letters for teachers and administrators were reviewed and changes suggested. Research is being done as to whether our office could share fingerprint reports and costs with other states, difficulties with the FBI release, confidentiality, costs, etc., were discussed.

The board discussed how much information is needed in sex offense conviction cases. Motion was made by Mary Harris, seconded by Maryjane Martens, that instead of reviewing primary data regarding sex offenders, they would be advised of the nature of each case by Doug Bahr. Motion carried. It was pointed out that if there were an appeal board members would then receive all paperwork.

Bonnie Thompson presented the financial report. Motion was made by Doug Johnson, seconded by Randy Gordon, to approve the financial report. Motion carried. The board questioned if final paperwork has been received by ESPB transferring our office inventory. It will be researched for the next board meeting.

Deb Jensen gave her report. She and Marilyn Ridenhower attended the McRel Conference on standards-based instruction in Denver. The last scheduled Program Approval Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Visits at both University of Mary (third year review of targeted details) and Sitting Bull College were discussed. Rejoinders may be received in late January, 1998. Standards revision teams are in the process of being formed. Recent meetings with higher education personnel and Math/Science alliances were also discussed. McRel Conference blue book and article were reviewed, including mention of both Marilyn and Deb's work. The standards-based instruction grant project is in the planning stages. National board certification was discussed, Mary Harris mentioned there is now some cost assistance to applicants taking the national test. A report was given on the recent meeting of the Education Services Committee. It was suggested that the Administrators Professional Practices Board (ESPB sub-board) be seated together or pointed out to public when dealing with specific information. According to the IRS office, when employed as a teacher, renewal teaching certificate fees (not the entrance level) are tax deductible, it was requested this information be in next newsletter. After much discussion as to how often and at what price newsletters could be distributed, it was decided that Deb would bring more information to next board meeting. Deb and Marilyn will be attending the National Staff Development Council, a leading force in educational development, in Nashville and will be presenting. A Goals and Objectives draft was presented, board members are to review the draft and bring their responses to the January meeting. It will be reviewed again at the January, 1998, meeting. It was commented that Marilyn has done an excellent job bridge building with other states, it is also evident the office has been prudent in selection of and costs of meeting attendance. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have other state board members be invited to and share ideas with our board. Board members would like a list of informative web sites relating to education.

Motion was made by Mary Harris, seconded by Maryjane Martens, to request an immediate correction in mistaken wording of rules section 67 1-02-01-02 regarding supervision of student teaching course from as to or. If possible, invoke emergency procedure to make this change. Motion carried.

Memo from Doug Bahr, dated December 3, 1997, was addressed. N D C C 15-36-08 provides that no certificate may be issued for a period of less than one school year. Therefore, it was questioned if the provisional certification contemplated would be legal. It was also discussed that the provisional certificate should not apply to renewals. Motion was made by Doug Johnson, seconded by Maryjane Martens, to table the provisional certificate until the January, 1998, meeting. Motion carried.

CASES

Barry Osborne

Hearing held today Marilyn Ridenhower attending

Clem Boechler

Surrendered his license After a conference call, it was accepted

Becky Ellingson

Hearing scheduled December 16, 1997

Myron Gruenich/Mavis Routledge

Hearing scheduled December 18, 1997

Tim Thueson

Hearing held November 24, 1997

Administrative law judge requested briefs and will give recommendations

Kirsten Farnsworth

Hearing held November 26, 1997

Original certificate issued listed Major of Pre-K Kindergarten Level Pre-K and Kindergarten and Minors of Mental Retardation and Emotionally Disturbed, both at Level Kindergarten through Secondary She also received a Counseling credential Motion was made by Mary Harris, seconded by Mike Schatz, that the teaching certificate for Kirsten Farnsworth be placed under special review status to remain in effect through 2-5-99 She will need North Dakota Indian Studies and all other necessary requirements for a North Dakota teacher's certificate by her renewal date of 2-5-99 It should be reviewed for completion of required coursework by the board at its meeting held prior to 2-5-99 Motion carried

David Collins

Discussion was held of previous inquiries Motion was made by Mike Schatz, seconded by Randy Gordon, that the board not hear the case at this time It should be resolved at the local level, and our office should send a letter requesting administration offer effective supervision Motion carried

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Gordon Baker

There was much discussion of facts in the case Motion was made by Maryjane Martens, seconded by Mike Schatz, that the certificate for Gordon Baker be suspended for two school days due to breach of contract Motion failed Board requested the case be reviewed at the January 8, 1998, meeting The following information is requested from the Ojibwa School by that time

- 1 Completed Request for Inquiry
- 2 Ask Wayne Trotter, were other teachers released from contract in past years and details of those cases?
- 3 Was, and if so on what date, Mr Baker given an opportunity to meet with the school board?
- 4 The board would like dates of all actions of Mr Baker and school regarding the case
- 5 Was Mr Baker's position filled and, if so, what date?
- 6 If Ojibwa School doesn't go by the North Dakota Century Code as stated, what is their policy regarding releasing teachers from contracts?

Administrative hearing costs were discussed The board would like information about what costs are paid by other boards from Doug Bahr

Discussion was held regarding putting program standards in rule for legal cases and more general Mary Harris suggested the first seven chapters be placed in rule and exclude chapters 8 and 9

Motion made by Mary Harris, seconded by Doug Johnson, to approve the following board meeting dates

January 8, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
February 12, 1998	(Ft Totten Room)
March 12, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
April 9, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
May 14, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
June 11, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
August 13, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
September 24, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
November 12, 1998	(Peace Garden Room)
December 10, 1998	(To be announced)

Motion carried

ESPB staff evaluations were discussed The board expects regular staff evaluations be done by the director and reported to the board Discussion was held regarding the director's final evaluation procedure held last year It was decided the same director evaluation form would be used as last year The forms will be sent to board members and ESPB staff and returned to the board chair Since the forms are being sent out later than last year, they will be due in February Linda Davis and Don Haugen will then review

Motion made by Doug Johnson, seconded by Mike Schatz, that the meeting be adjourned
Motion carried

Marilyn Leckowicz, Ex Sec
1/8/98

Linda Davis, Chair